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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 30848

1. WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT FILE SCHEDULES ON BEHALF OF PAA (AND PRESUMABLY ALSO FOR FLYING TIGERS), SINCE SUCH PROCEDURE WOULD FLY IN FACE OF OUR OFT REPEATED ASSERTIONS TO RTG OFFICIALS THAT UNDER OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT CAPACITY AND FREQUENCY MATTERS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY AIRLINE MANAGEMENT, NOT BY GOVERNMENTS.

2. ON PURELY PRACTICAL LEVEL, WE DOUBT THAT SCHEDULES ENVISIONED BY PAN AM WILL BE APPROVED BY THE RTG REGARDLESS OF WHETHER FILED BY PAN AM DIRECTLY OR BY EMBASSY. HOWEVER, RTG REJECTION OF SCHEDULE FILED BY EMBASSY WOULD CONFRONT US WITH IMPORTANT POLICY DECISION. AFTER HAVING SAILED BRAVELY INTO BATTLE, WE WOULD, AS WE SEE IT, HAVE CHOICE BETWEEN (1) RETALIATION AGAINST AIR SIAM IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHT WE CLAIM FOR PAN AM TO PUT IN ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES, WITH OBVIOUS FURTHER RISKS TO PAN AM'S INTERESTS, OR (2) STRIKING OUR COLORS, MAKING EVIDENT TO THAIS NOT ALREADY PERSUADED THAT WE WILL COMPROMISE OUR PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN TAKE ACTION WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER LARGE AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE US AIRLINE REVENUE BALANCE IN THIS MARKET. LATTER COURSE OF ACTION WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE AS

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DESTRUCTIVE OVER LONG TERM AS COURSE (1) ABOVE. THIRD

ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS,
A COURSE OF ACTION DEVOUTLY TO BE DESIRED BY THE THAIS,
SINCE THEY WOULD THEN SEEK TO INJECT ROUTE ISSUES WHILE
OUR OPTIONS WOULD REMAIN LIMITED TO (1) AND (2) ABOVE.

3. PAA REP KNOWS OUR VIEWS.
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